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Malaysian PM rejects 'handover talks'

Captives down to 2; teeners behind kidnap

By Julie S. Alipala
Inquirer Mindanao
and Alcuin Papa
In Manila

ZAMBOANGA CITY—BOYS AS YOUNG as 15 years old carried out the kidnapping of four peace advocates on Basilan island but two of the hostages later escaped during pursuit operations against the kidnappers, police said yesterday.

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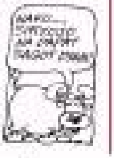
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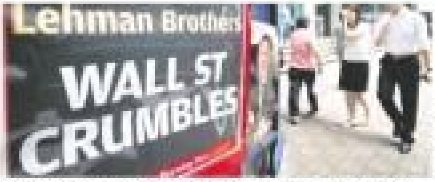
Wall Street meltdown is awaited '3 a.m.' call

WASHINGTON—IT took the Wall Street meltdown to wrench the US presidential race away from lipstick and pigs.

After feuding all year over who could best

WALL STREET A26





MELTDOWN looms, says the South China Morning Post headline on Tuesday, as revered US financial institutions bite the dust.

Panic selling grips world markets

TOKYO—WORLD STOCK MARKETS continued their free fall on Tuesday as the collapse of Lehman Brothers and the takeover of Merrill Lynch spurred fears of an imminent global financial crisis.

Equities tumbled for a second day as anxious investors waited to see if American Insurance Group, the world's largest insurer, would also file for bankruptcy.

European markets extended losses in early trading after falling sharply on Monday. Britain's FTSE 100 was down 1.5 percent in morning trading, while France's CAC-40 slid 1.4 percent.

Tokyo's Nikkei 225 index sank nearly 5 percent to its lowest close since July 2005, while Hong Kong's blue-chip Hang Seng index shed 5.4 percent to its lowest point in nearly two years. Both markets—Asia's two biggest—had been closed for holidays on Monday when news first broke about the turmoil on Wall Street that has dramatically changed its landscape.

"Today was a bloodbath," said Alex Tang, head of research at Core Pacific-

PANIC A26

US crisis hits RP banks

BDO, Metrobank set aside ₱4.4B



BRACING for the worst, traders watch the red-stained board at the Philippine Stock Exchange, which closed 4.51 percent down on Tuesday. Markets in Japan and Hong Kong dropped 5 percent.

By Doris C. Dumlao,
Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson
and Daxim L. Lucas

FEAR GRIPPED THE PHILIPpine financial system yesterday following the collapse of US investment bank Lehman Brothers.

Some foreign banks suspended financial market dealings with domestic counterparts to "play safe" even as large domestic banks scrambled to put up buffer funds.

Banco de Oro and Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co. said they were setting aside provisions totaling $94.7 million (about P4.4 billion) to cover their exposure to products sold by Lehman and its affiliates.

A number of Filipino banks have a limited exposure to Lehman, according to Governor Armando Tetangco Jr. of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

Banking sources estimate the combined exposure of the local financial industry to Lehman—directly and indirectly—at "between $300 million and $500 million" or a range of P14.2 billion to P23.6 billion.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange, Sun Life Financial Inc. said its third quarter earnings might be affected by its exposure to Lehman. Sun Life said it "holds $334 million par value of Lehman bond securities and approximately $15 million net value of Lehman derivative instruments."

Rumors about bank runs and bank

US CRISIS A11



ADRENALIN surges as traders work on the floor of the Brazilian Mercantile and Futures Exchange in Sao Paulo on Monday following news that Lehman Brothers had filed for bankruptcy and Merrill Lynch would be sold to Bank of America.

Good news: Oil prices dip below $92 per barrel

By Abigail L. Ho

OIL PRICES PLUMMETED ON TUESday in Asia, falling briefly below $92 a barrel as investors feared the US credit crisis that brought down investment bank Lehman Brothers will drag on global economic growth and restrain demand for crude.

Crude has fallen about $55—or 37 percent—from its all-time trading record of $147.27 reached on July 11.

As world oil prices continue to decline, oil companies in the Philippines are expected to also continue bringing

GOOD NEWS A9

Meltdown in US finance system won't end soon

NEW YORK—ABOUT $700 BILLION evaporated from retirement plans, government pension funds and other investment portfolios as the upheaval in the American financial system sent shock waves through the stock market on Monday, producing the worst day on Wall Street in seven years.

As investors digested the failure of one of its most venerable banks and wondered which dominos would be next to fall, the Dow Jones industrial average lost more than 500 points, its steepest point drop since the day the stock market reopened after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The carnage capped a tumultuous 24 hours that redrew US finance. Lehman Brothers, an investment bank that predates the Civil War and weathered the Great Depression, filed the largest bankruptcy in American history. A second storied bank, Merrill Lynch, fled into the arms of Bank of America.

It was by far the most stomach-churning single day since a financial crisis began to bubble up from billions of dollars in rotten mortgage loans that have slip-

MELTDOWN A11

Solons grill agri chief over rice scam

By Norman Bordadora

LAWMAKERS REBUKED AGRICULture Secretary Arthur Yap for alleged irregularities involving billions of pesos in agricultural funds, when he appeared before Congress on Monday night to seek approval of a P39-billion budget for his department in 2009.

Yap testified before the House committee on appropriations on the day the Inquirer came out with the Commission on Audit (COA) findings about supposed misuse of P218 million meant for hybrid seeds and other farm inputs for farmer-beneficiaries.

House members referred to alleged irregularities cited in an audit report on the Department of Agriculture (DA) for 2007 involving disbursements ranging to up more than a billion pesos.

Yap told the committee the regional offices mentioned in the COA report were already working to answer the auditors' adverse findings.

"From the answer of the secretary, he has yet to submit a report to the COA," Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman, senior vice chair of the House committee on appropriations said, referring to Yap's failure to formally answer the

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PDI bags 3 major business journ awards

THREE INQUIRER BUSINESS REporters bagged awards for outstanding coverage at the 17th annual Economic Journalists Association of the Philippines (Ejap)-Globe Telecom Business Journalism Awards held at Makati Shangri-La on Friday night.

Doris Dumlao won the "Reporter of the Year" award for the banking beat for the fourth straight year,

PDI BAGS A6



THREE INQUIRER reporters are winners of the latest business journalism awards: Amy Remo (extreme left), Doris Dumlao and Daxim Lucas (first and second from right). Business editor Raul Marcelo and assistant editor Corrie Narisma share the moment.

Call him Jeff, says high court; he used to be called Jennifer

By Leila B. Salaverria

A PERSON WHO IS GENETICALLY FEmale but has a rare and permanent medical condition that allows the development of both male and female sex organs is now legally and officially a man.

The Supreme Court upheld the ruling of the Regional Trial Court in Siniloan, Laguna, that allowed the person—to be identified in this report as Jeff—to alter his birth certificate and change his name from Jennifer to Jeff and his gender from female to male.

It denied the plea of the Office of the Solicitor General stating that the lower court's ruling should be reversed because the person had failed to follow proper procedures.

In its decision, the high court initially referred to the person, now 27, as "she" and later as "he."

"We respect respondent's congenital

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Villar admits seeking C-5 funding

'I don't deny that; I'm puzzled why they want me to admit it'

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr. and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

SENATE PRESIDENT MANUEL VILLAR YESTERDAY ADMITTED he was the one who had requested the finance committee to raise the allocation for the controversial C-5 road extension project, but he stressed that he "did not and will not get anything from the additional funding."

Opponents question quorum, stall population bill debate

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE BATTLE IS ON.

La Salle haven for Lozadas to continue

By Margaux C. Ortiz

THE COUNTRY'S LEGAL SYSTEM may have turned its back on him, ...

Fighting, flooding could bring famine to South, bishop fears

THE ONGOING ARMED CONFLICT between the military and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) compounded by months of monsoon flooding could bring famine to parts of Mindanao, a Roman Catholic bishop warned yesterday.

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Collateral damage

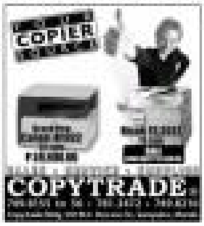
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Palace shrugs off Cruz fears on Mindanao

MALACAÑANG HAS SHRUGGED OFF THE warning of former Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz Jr. of a possible attempt of President Macapagal-Arroyo to impose emergency rule if the hostilities in Mindanao continue, saying his "fears are his alone."

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From the air, gov finds illegal logs in Sierra Madre

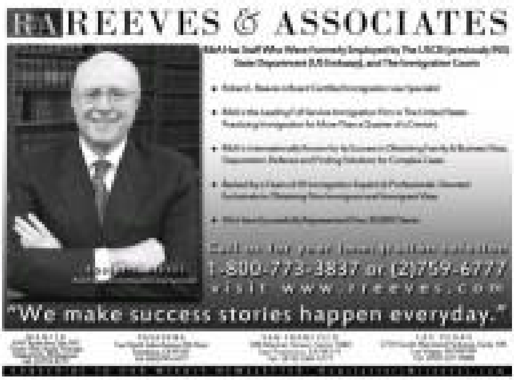




By TJ Burgonio







Palace, VP budgets get VIP status

An open letter to the Secretary of the Department of Health

Re-engineering the Generics Law.

The cost of medicine in the Philippines is high. And that is a reality that is painfully palpable on several levels. That the same drug, and even the same brand, costs surprisingly less if bought in another country is a sorry truth.

The economic fever that has begun to grip the country today is causing the cost of medicine to rise even further, making for a sadder situation.

And, third, the Philippines is a poor country, and when the poor are sick, they either take less medicine than required, or none at all. When the cost of medicine is higher than what can be afforded, the sick remain sick. Productivity is low, the country remains poor.

After more than three decades working in various roles in the pharmaceutical industry, allow me to proffer my humble suggestions on how to re-engineer the Generics Law to effect actual reductions in the prices of basic drugs and medicines.

HOW TO REDUCE THE PRICES OF BASIC DRUGS AND MEDICINES IN THE PHILIPPINES BY 50% OR MORE





JUNE LUNA

Sabio wants DOJ to probe bribe source

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PDI bags 3 major business journalism awards



Call him Jeff

Mind and emotions

No 'unnatural steps'

Diversity of nature

Burma seeking seeds, fertilizer after cyclone

BURMA (MYANMAR) HAS sought foreign help for seeds and fertilizer in order to buy rice-growing region after a deadly cyclone earlier this year, the International Rice Research Institute said yesterday.

Cyclone Nargis left an estimated 140,000 people dead or missing when it swept through the Irrawaddy delta in May.

The disaster has slashed the nation's food crop output by six percent, or 1.2 million tons, Philippine-based IRRI said in a statement.

An IRRI team visited the devastated areas on Aug. 20-28 and held talks with agriculture officials.

U Nan Nyunt, general manager of the seed division of the Myanmar Agriculture Service, told the delegation the country needed "more fertilizer for high-yielding varieties, improved production of high-quality seed, and fruit tree seedlings and vegetable seeds to be supplied to affected communities."

The government asked IRRI for seeds of salt-tolerant rice varieties, as well as equipment to monitor salinity levels in farmers' fields and on seed farms, it added.

Representatives of the UN Development Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization were at the meeting, IRRI said. AFP





Global credit crunch won't stem flow of Pinoys seeking work abroad

LARGE-SCALE LABOR MIGRATION FROM the Philippines is expected to gather pace despite a global credit crunch that has slowed growth in many nations hosting Filipino workers, officials and experts said yesterday.

"There have been similar occurrences [of the crisis] before but the number of workers who left for overseas employment did not dip at all," said Carmelita Dimzon, deputy chief of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration.

Even as the crisis hit last year, "we managed to deploy over a million overseas workers," Dimzon said at a news conference.

Some 8.5 million Filipinos, or nearly a 10th of the population, live or temporarily work abroad, according to Josef Yap, head of the semi-official think tank Philippine Institute for Development Studies.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said overseas Filipino workers remitted $14.4 billion to their families in the Philippines last year, an amount equivalent to a 10th of the country's gross domestic product, Yap told the same news conference.

Dimzon said crisis or not, the aging populations of the United States and Europe would lead to increasing demand for Filipino health workers.

She said without giving exact figures there had been notable "growth in the hiring of oil refinery engineers and technicians, particularly in Canada" as crude prices surged to record levels earlier this year.

In the Middle East, Kuwait has been hiring Filipino workers for an oil refinery project, she said.

There is also a huge demand for Filipino oil workers in Nigeria, but "we have a ban now" on worker deployments there, Dimzon said, citing previous kidnappings of Filipinos and other foreign oil workers by separatists.

Fernando Aldaba, an economist at the Ateneo de Manila University, said that with the Philippine economic growth, one forecast to slow this year and next from more than 7.0 percent in 2007, the jobless rate was bound to rise. "So more people will be applying for work abroad."

While retrenchments from around to doubles in the developed world would mean some Filipino workers "will be coming home," Aldaba said, this would not be the case in all sectors. *AFP*



A GASOLINE attendant fills up the tank of a car at a petrol station in Quezon City on Tuesday. Oil prices dropped in Asia, falling below $92 a barrel, as investors feared the US credit crisis that brought down US investment bank Lehman Brothers would drag global economic growth and restrain demand for crude.

Good news: Oil prices plunge

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down the prices of their gasoline, diesel and kerosene.

Veering away from the usual practice of implementing price adjustments on weekends, Eastern Petroleum Corp. and Seaoil will cut fuel prices by 50 centavos a liter today.

Light, sweet crude for October delivery tumbled $3.59 to $92.12 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange mid-afternoon in Singapore.

It briefly fell as low as $91.54. Overnight, the contract dropped $5.47 to settle at $95.71, the first time oil closed below $100 since March 4.

"People are selling everything. It's a bit of panic," said Jonathan Kornafel, Asia director for market maker Hudson Capital Energy in Singapore.

"We may not have seen the end of demand destruction. It's scary what's going on economic-wise right now, and that's why oil is selling off," Kornafel said.

Another price cut

Fernando Martinez, Eastern Petroleum chair and chief executive, said the 50-centavo price cut would not be the first reduction that his company would implement this week. Another price cut would be effected on Friday or Saturday.

"I plan to implement price adjustments more frequently so that under-recoveries won't pile up when prices are going up and so that consumers will be able to take advantage of lower prices when prices are going down," Martinez said in a telephone interview yesterday.

"Why should we move only once a week when we can do it more often? It will work both ways. When prices are going up and when they're going down," he added.

For his part, Roberto Kanapi, Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. vice president, said all indications pointed to a price reduction over the weekend, but the oil refiner had yet to determine the amount.

"Indicators look good. If the trend continues and remains unchanged, there's a chance of a rollback in the weekend. We do our assessment on a weekly basis. The amount for the reduction has yet to be determined," he said.

Data from the Department of Energy show that regional benchmark Dubai crude plunged to a Sept. 1-16 average of $100.21 a barrel, from $112.88 a barrel in August.

The price of unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products slipped to an average of $108.96 a barrel in the first 16 days of September, compared with the August average of $115.49 a barrel.

MOPS-based diesel also dropped to an average price of $122.62 a barrel as of Sept. 16, from the $135.26-a-barrel average posted last month.

Seven times since August

Since August, prices of gasoline products had gone down seven times for a total of P8.50 a liter while prices of diesel and kerosene had dropped a total of P6.50 a liter.

With this price reduction, pump prices of premium unleaded gasoline now ranged from P51.28-P52.03 a liter, diesel from P48.95-P51.00 a liter, and kerosene from P52.36-P56.50 a liter. *With a report from AP*

2 aid workers experts in conflict resolution

By Julie S. Alipala
Inquirer Mindanao

For Basilan's future

Heart's in Mindanao

'Sanctuaries of peace'

Captives in Basilan down to 2

Others left behind

Aged 15, 16

Pursuit called off

PNP no longer presenting crime suspects to media

Alexis Papa

Iglesia backs population bill but rejects 'rhythm' way

Amnesty for illegal RP workers in Kuwait

Solons grill agriculture chief over rice scam

'We want the truth'

Same money trail

Maza wants proof

Curious dates

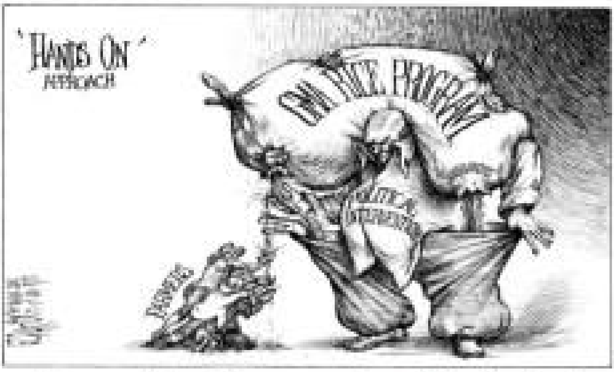
GMA seeds won't sprout, says mayor

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Harness Wawa Dam now to avoid water lack

AS I SEE IT



Neal H. Cruz

Mind-boggling

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Women and children: Uneasy partners

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David



Antonio Luna's personal possessions

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Ambeth R. Ocampo



RP needs systemic change through BJE to prosper

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Raid showed firm not engaged in irregularities

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Across the NATION

₱63M spent on aid for evacuees so far



PACKED
Vic Kagunas, a tricycle driver of Candon City, is well aware of population explosion. His tricycle becomes playground for some of his 11 children, including three pairs of twins.

DAVAO CITY—THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY spent P63 million in food and medicine assistance to residents displaced by the assaults against Moro rebel leaders Ameril Umbra Kato and Abdullah Macapaar in Lanao del Norte, North Cotabato and Maguindanao, Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said on Monday.

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More funds needed

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No US involvement

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NEWSBRIEFS

SORSOGON

Village dad shot dead

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ROXAS CITY

Man kills mom, relative

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SARANGANI

Vigilance vs terror sought

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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

87M Pinoys for PhilHealth

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RH bill backers draw up list for compromise with Church

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Confidential list

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Old data

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Among Ed allies launch campaign to counter recall

Another group emerges

634 signatures



SLOW MOVING

₱60-M Baguio garbage haul fund questioned

Guide

The Tarlac landfill only accepts residual wastes, like plastic, and has refused to process organic and medical wastes.

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'Not number of children but responsibility'

LINGAYEN-DAGUPAN ARCHBISHOP OSCAR CRUZ is among the Catholic Church officials who are vocal against the proposed Reproductive Health and Population Development Act of 2008.

The bill, Cruz says, is against the law of nature. He says married couples should instead practice natural family planning methods as these make them responsible and respect each other's bodies.

But while the Church advocates the use of natural family planning methods, Cruz admits that it cannot force couples to accept these because "they are not children, and they know what is right and wrong." He shares his views on the reproductive health and population bill in an interview with the Inquirer's Pangasinan correspondent Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes. Excerpts:



ARCHBISHOP Oscar Cruz

What is the Church's basis for rejecting artificial methods of contraception?

The Church is not promoting anything new or anything invented. It is only saying that, "Please, respect nature because if you violate nature, nature will fight back." Just as in the case of environment. When environment is violated, you have nature striking back in terms of mudslide, flooding, poisoning of water.

Similarly, nature is violated as far as contraceptives are concerned. That is fighting nature. Why? Because nature says when man and woman consummate their marriage, it is possible that pregnancy would happen.

What the Church says is do not separate the right and the obligation—the right to put the marital act and the obligation to care for the life that it may procreate.

Artificial contraception is separating the right from obligation by putting a stop to conception through the marital act. In short, artificial contraception is just sarap (gratification) but no hirap (hard work), and that is irresponsible.

What is your view on artificial contraception?

In the Roman times, wealthy families were known for their love of feasting, eating, drinking and merrymaking. In their houses, there was a thing called vomitorium. The practice was that when they were filled up, they would go to the vomitorium, stick in their throats to vomit what they had eaten or drank. So they were hungry again and would eat again. Artificial contraception is like that—couples have sex, put it in, spit it out, have sex again.

Is the Church against the population program [as outlined in the bill]?

The Church is promoting responsible parenthood. When parents have more children than they can afford to feed, clothe, house, educate, then they are irresponsible. The Church never teaches irresponsibility.

But that's exactly why couples should practice family planning—so have just the number of children that they can afford.

The question is not the number [of children] but responsibility. Why are there families with many children who are successful in caring for the children and there are families with few ones who are unsuccessful?

I belong to a big family. I am the youngest of six children. When I was young, I remember my father would always tell my mother, "Kaya natin, pag-aralin lyan (We can send them to school)."

Artificial contraception is separating the right from obligation by putting a stop to conception through the marital act

Is contraceptionists or Mission [illegible] or ... [illegible] concerned about. 'Ang pakinabang sa mga tao, pinagsasama-sama' ... [illegible] and pigs can feed their young, and men are higher than animals because of education. All of us finished our courses.

But you worked with the provincial government during the term of former Gov. Victor Agbayani to implement a natural family planning method program in Pangasinan. What happened to that?

When we saw that they were implementing an artificial contraception program, hormonal pills ... [illegible]. We have our own family and life apostolate that advocates responsible parenthood and natural family planning methods.

These methods are meant to limit the number of or space children.

Does this mean the Church is not really against limiting the number of children among couples?

What we are advocating is responsible parenthood. If a couple is irresponsible, even they only have half a child, too bad for that child.

Nature says that when women are ovulating, and are most likely to get pregnant, they long for the sexual act. What should they do if the couple did not want to have children but want to have sex?

Then they should not [do] the act.

That's not fair to the women.

What can I do? The Church only teaches openness of life. With artificial contraception, kind ... [illegible] ... natural family planning is hard, but responsibility is not easy. So I am disturbed when there are rallies for protection of rights but no rallies for affirmation of obligations.

So sexual relation is both a right and an obligation?

Right and obligation, yes. [illegible] family planning. Of nature ... [illegible]. That's the only cry of the Church. If you can't afford or don't want to have children, follow some discipline, especially to deliverance in the table. It is the woman who gets pregnant yearly and not the man. By and large, in natural family planning, it is the husband who is irresponsible.

Painful change arrives on Wall Street

NEW YORK—THE OLD WALL Street is giving way to a new one.

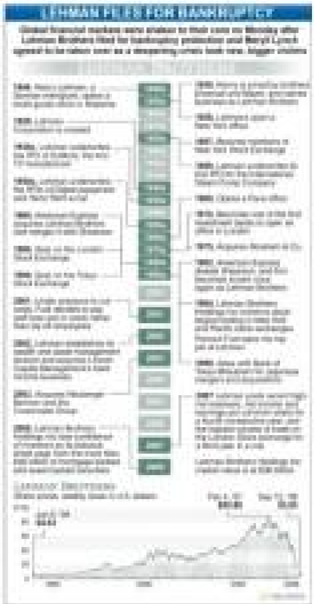
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Japan injects $24B

More bad news

China losses



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A STOCKBROKER takes a break from his floor position at the New York Stock Exchange on Monday (Tuesday in Manila).



A SPECIALIST with Lehman Brothers works her post on the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Monday (Tuesday in Manila).

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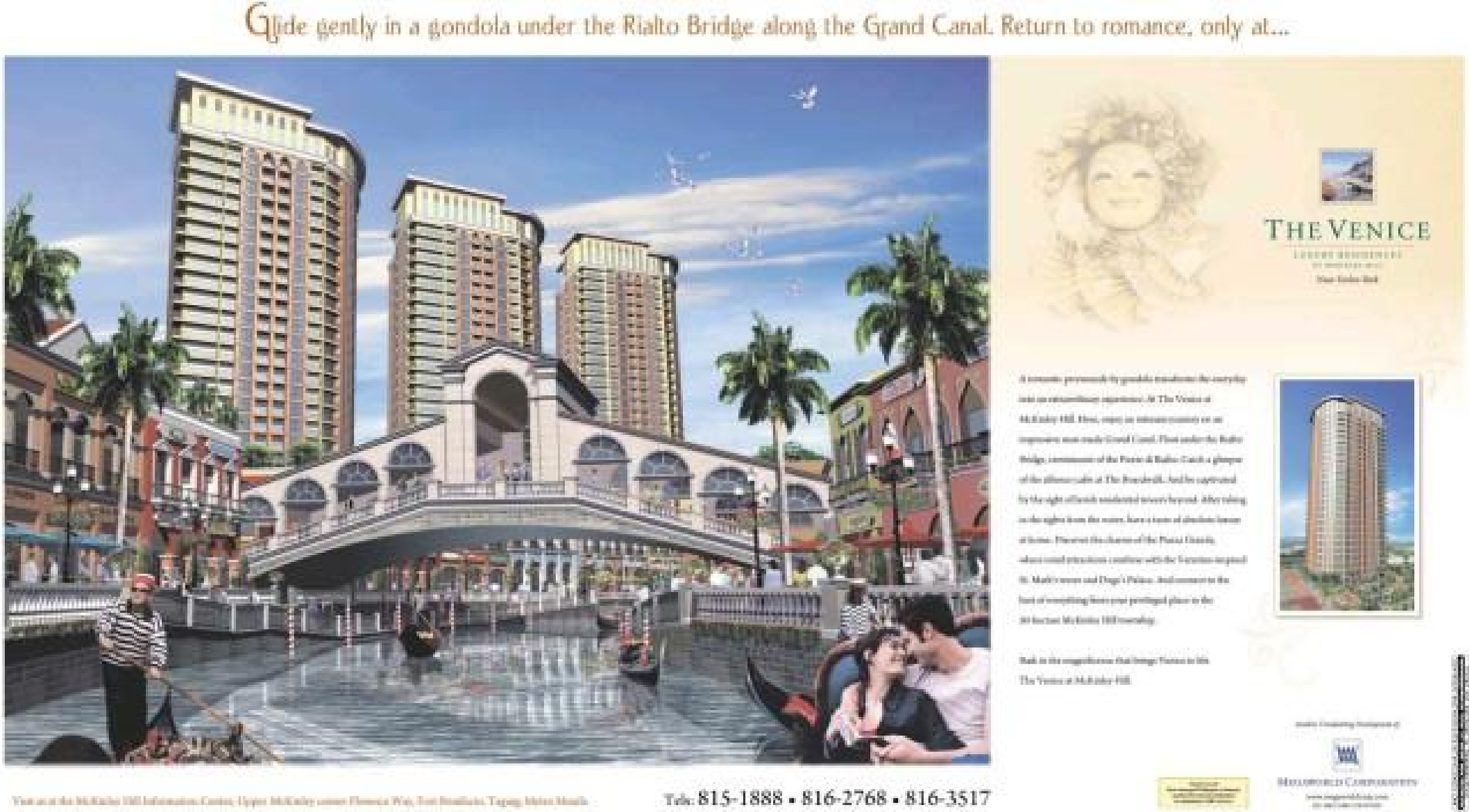
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Malaysian PM rejects 'handover talks'

Says Anwar still lacks support and is merely playing a game of political lies



KUALA LUMPUR—MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Tuesday rejected the opposition's claim it has enough support to seize power as "mere dreams," saying he was under no pressure to resign.

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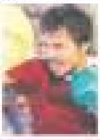
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Knights, Bombers duel for 2nd spot



By Cedelf P. Tupas

LETRAN COACH LOUIE ALAS WATCHED THE JOSE Rizal-San Sebastian game tape last night and was impressed with the way the Bombers choked the Stags with constricting pressure defense.

He doesn't expect anything different from them when he lines up the Knights against a defense that should be very familiar.

Because Jose Rizal coach Ariel Vanguardia will be the first to say that the Bombers' defense is rooted in Alas.

"Yeah, we borrowed some of Letran's full-court press," Vanguardia admitted to reporters moments after the Bombers repulsed the Stags, 57-53, Monday to set up a Final Four duel with the Knights for the second straight year.

Whether the Knights will find their own medicine too bitter a pill to swallow will be known today when they battle the Bombers for the second seed and the twice-to-beat Final Four bonus at 4 p.m. today in the NCAA men's basketball tournament at the Cuneta Astrodome in Pasay City.

San Sebastian and Mapua clash at 2 p.m. in a knockout showdown for the No. 4 seed and the right to face the twice-to-beat San Beda Red Lions.

JRU and Letran will play again on Friday at the start of the Final Four.

"Every battle with Letran is special," said Vanguardia, who supervised a light Jose Rizal workout yesterday.

"It will be like a best-of-three series so Game 1 will be very important," added Vanguardia, who was an assistant for Alas in the PBA (Talk 'N Text) and in the PBL (Toyota Otis).

JRU is hoping to go one step farther this year after bowing to Letran in the same stage last year. Letran lost to San Beda in the finals.

Both teams split their elimination round games with the Knights prevailing on opening day, 83-68. The Bombers avenged that loss with a 76-75 decision in the second round.

"With the way we played and the

KNIGHTS/A24

GAMES TODAY
(Cuneta Astrodome)
11:30 a.m. — Letran vs. JRU (jrs)
2 p.m. — Mapua vs. San Sebastian
4 p.m. — Letran vs. JRU

Beermen invade Qatar

Jordan national squad, local ballclub also playing

Ginebra vies opening day

Rain Or Shine debut

Manalo, six others head RP's World 10-Ball bid



BATTLING THE ODDS

Jet ski Grand Prix in Subic

POF-BST leg kicks off

SPORTSWATCH

Alcano, Valle score in UAE

LGBA derby today

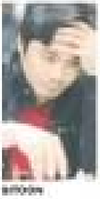
PCAP 5-stag derby

TJ Hotdogs make history

IN HUDDLE

Beth Celis

Pichay chess: Paragua, Bitoon in logjam at second



BITOON

By Roy Luarca

SBP holds referees seminar

Weight gain will add power to Pacman's punch–trainer

By Roy Luarca



Lady Stags near fourth NCAA volleyball crown

Knights, Bombers duel for No. 2 spot

Jao grabs slim edge vs Buncio



SPORTS



THE NEXT time Ateneo coach Norman Black (left) and La Salle mentor Franz Pumaren will shake hands will be after the buzzer of Game 1 of the UAAP Finals on Sunday—when one of them will have gotten a headstart in the best-of-three affair.

BLACK ON PUMAREN

'Our colors just don't mix this time of the year'

By Jasmine W. Payo

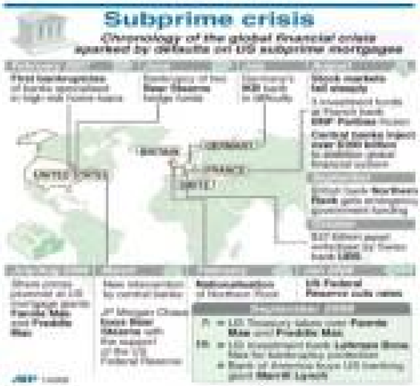
NORMAN BLACK AND FRANZ PUMAREN COULDN'T HAVE gone any farther apart after severing a partnership that had been so successful in the professional league.

Cebu closes in on Liga title

BUSINESS



Stocks tumble 4.5% on Wall St. turmoil



Peso slides to 16-month low at 47.20 to $1

THE COLLAPSE OF LEHMAN BROTHERS, ONE of Wall Street's oldest investment banks, yesterday sent Philippine stocks plummeting 4.5 percent to a new low in a year and a half.



Economists see further peso slide

ADB cuts growth forecasts, sees oil above $100/bbl



July jobless rate down to 7.4%

By Michelle V. Remo

Unclogging the courts

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Honorio C. General



RP posted BOP deficit of $54M in August

₱7-B port city to rise in Aurora

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Gov't urged to plug loopholes in cheaper medicines law

By Abigail L. Ho

THE IMPLEMENTING rules and regulations of RA 9502, or "An Act Providing for Cheaper and Quality Medicines," should not allow huge foreign pharmaceutical firms to use the law to their advantage and defeat the purpose of providing consumers with greater access to lower-priced medicines.

Various local and foreign nongovernment organizations—including Oxfam, Third World Network, Cut the Cost, Get the Pain Network, [illegible] Pinoy [illegible] coalition and the Cancer Warriors Foundation—recently submitted a proposed IRR to the Intellectual Property Office.

The proposed IRR, the groups said in a joint statement yesterday, aimed "to prevent abuses by pharmaceutical companies of their patent privileges."

"The process of granting patent flexibilities and reforms was not completed with the passage of RA 9502," said Miss [illegible] of Oxfam. "This law should not give big foreign pharmaceutical [firms] any opportunity to exploit the law's weaknesses, which would harm the interests of poor Filipinos."

The groups said the government should clarify in the IRR the provision on public noncommercial use of patented medicines, which allowed the government to issue compulsory license even without the patent owner's consent.

The amended Sec. 93 of the Intellectual Property Code would allow the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines to grant a compulsory license on a patented invention or drug in the event of a national emergency and when public interest is at stake, particularly in the field of national security, nutrition or health.

When the health secretary determines that the demand for the patented drug is not being met, a compulsory license could also be issued.

Only the Supreme Court can issue a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction to prevent the grant of a special compulsory license.





Maritime Training Council

Resolution No. [illegible]

APPROVING THE GUIDELINES IN THE RECOGNITION OF ASSESSMENT OF SEAFARERS' COMPETENCE BY THE ACCREDITED MARITIME TRAINING CENTERS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY BY THE MARITIME TRAINING COUNCIL

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Maritime Training Council

Guidelines in the Recognition of Assessment of Seafarers' Competence by the Accredited Maritime Training Centers for the Issuance of Certificate of Proficiency by the Maritime Training Council

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Lafayette mine resumption seen by October

By Amy R. Remo

LAFAYETTE Philippines Inc. can resume operations in its Rapu Rapu mine in Albay beginning Oct. 1 this year for as long as it has completed the necessary requirements.

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ADB ...

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Philippine Stock Exchange

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Artist vs BSP

BIZ BUZZ
By the staff

If you can't buy them ...

Selling an old gem

Breathing new life into Philex

Barangay mentality redux

Alliance Global to pursue $1.55-B tourism projects

2 ventures seen to generate 108,000 jobs

Bayan cautious on full-year growth despite good first half

Economists see further peso ...

Morgan Stanley, Goldman face biggest market test



US car makers feel the pinch

Turmoil may force US Fed to cut rates

Stocks tumble 4.5% ...

BUSINESS

Gov't earmarks ₱11.26B for subsidies to GOCCs

NFA, housing agency expected to get biggest shares



NFA doubles palay buying goal for '08

Strategies for biofuels development sought

MOTORING



FAST-MOVING drifter and his drift machine



ATOY — a protégé of David Feliciano — is a crowd drawer with his drift car.

Drifting gains momentum amid volatile oil prices



ATOY does a "doughnut."

By Tessa R. Salazar

Contributor

IF THE OFF-ROADERS were having a rough-and-tumble time with unpredictable oil prices and high inflation rates, drifting—the newest motorsport to roll off RP shores—is enjoying relatively smoother sailing.

Controlled chaos—as the lovers and drivers of the sport fondly describe it—seems to steer drifting through tough times.

Proof of this is in the numbers. From just eight drift cars competing in 2006, 14 cars joined in 2007. This year, during the first to the third legs of drifting competition, 28 cars joined the fray. In the fourth leg 34 cars competed.

One factor swinging in favor of the drifters has been the cost. According to its devotees, it is relatively cheaper to get involved in drifting than, for example, off-roading.

Enrolling in a drift school such as the DMI Drift School costs just around P12,000 (and that includes the use of a drift car, tires and fuel expenses).

David Feliciano, owner of DMI, estimated that at P300,000, a beginner driver can already get his or her hands on a regular rear-wheel-drive car.

Needless to say, however, if you want to go up the drifting hierarchy, you have to shell out more. He cites a powerful engine, like a twin cam, 250-hp 6-cylinder turbo Skyline with 24 valves, or a hybrid engine SR20 with four cylinders could cost up to P300,000 and three months to acquire and set up.

And all that just to purposely slide the rear tires through turns at high speeds. They say it's an art, critics said even wasted time. Undoubtedly, however, the races are spectacular, and the sport has been a scrolling success ever since the first "smoking donut" was demonstrated.

Advice to aspiring drifters

Every spectacle has humble beginnings, though, so Feliciano advises aspiring drifters to enroll first in a drift school

DRIFTING [illegible]



The trouble with new releases

MY DRIFT



Andre Palma

Essential for survival

Best way to keep tabs

Drive Dream

Know what fuel works best for your car

McKinley Hill hosts Porsche Cayenne Festival



PORSCHE Cayenne

Main highlight

Event venue

The Foton Blizzard 4 x 2 pickup

4 x 2 pickup

Pickup interior





GENUINE URBAN APPEAL

Drifting gains momentum amid volatile . . .

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A sensible executive sedan







Lights up

Three engines

No economy car

Subaru Impreza Challenge in Manila begins







First female winner

6-hour nonstop challenge



2008 Isuzu Passenger Van to empower entrepreneurs

Corporate class

Best business partner

Rolling on style and safety





Underinflating

Rolling on style and safety



ON THE ROAD

Aida Sevilla Mendoza



THOSE OF US WHO KEEP OUR EYES on the road have noticed that wheel sizes are getting bigger. The special edition of compact cars like the Toyota Vios, for example, comes with a set of 17-inch alloy wheels instead of the usual 14-inch ones. You may see a Honda Civic with 245 30 VR20 tires. And it's no longer surprising to see midsize SUVs like the new Mitsubishi Montero Sport running on 20 x 8.5 wheels.

The trend toward bigger tires as a result of advances in suspension technology is good news for after-market wheel distributors and importers like Concept One president Sammy Lianza. The CEO of Wheels Gallery Inc., which he founded in Greenhills, San Juan six years ago, says that tires are like stiletto heels. The higher the heels, the sexier a woman looks. In the same way, the bigger the rims, the more attractive a car looks.

"But," Lianza hastens to add, "like stilettos, big wheels are not comfortable. You have to be more careful in driving. A woman can't run on four-inch-high stilettos, for example."

Plus-sizing

In marketing Concept One, Black Rhino, Bass and Black Player wheels, three lines from the United Kingdom and [illegible] tires from Japan, among others, Lianza emphasizes safety as well as style. Before plus-sizing, or upgrading to larger wheels and tires, you need to know and consider the diameter, offset, backspacing and bolt pattern, he says.

"Different cars have different offsets depending on the manufacturer's specifications. Even if a wheel has the same bolt pattern, if the offset is wrong it will affect a car's straight line and braking characteristics. Whenever the tire hits a dip or pothole, the chassis will scrape on the tire, endangering the car occupants. The tire might even explode.

"If you want to upgrade to 17-inch wheels for that aggressive look, choose one in the correct offset and bolt pattern. Mind you have to choose the tire because along with buying new wheels, new tires are always in order. [illegible] 17-inch tires need to be same in the same diameter may have different aspect ratios."

CONCEPT One wheels on the 2009 Montero Sport displayed at the 2nd PIMS.

Mileage

If all that stuff sounds too technical and confusing, Lianza would gladly explain it in layman's terms and offer his expert advice. The time when one should change tires depends not so much on the number of years of use, he says, but more on mileage and driving habits. "If I were a motorist driving 10,000 to 20,000 kilometers a year, I would change the factory tires after one year. Tires have different tread wear. High-performance tires last longer, having 240 percent tread wear while OEM (original equipment manufacturer) tires have only 200 percent."

The car owner's driving habits also affect the life of the tires. Frequent hard acceleration, cornering and braking will take their toll. "A tire is like the

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MARBLE bas relief of Madonna and Child

Lhuillier home houses religious art museum

"IT ALL STARTED WITH THIS painting right here," said Ambassador Philippe John Lhuillier, pointing to a sprawling artwork hanging in the middle of the room.

The painting, depicting the Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, is said to be the oldest painting in Lhuillier's collection; it dates back to the late 15th century. "I bought it 20 years ago in France. It's not signed—but look at the movement and color," he said enthusiastically.

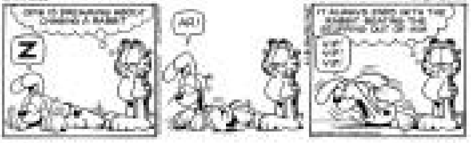
"The Visitation" is only one among an impressive collection of religious antiquities Lhuillier has painstakingly culled in the course of over 40 years of travel. His museum, with its rich of ivory sculptures, precious reliquaries, sacred icons and religious paintings, is a rare interplay of religion and art that arguably houses one of the most extensive Fil...

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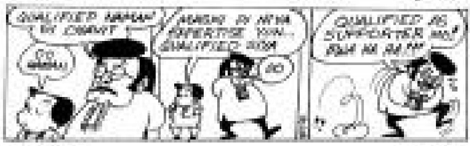


RELIGIOUS ... with ivory image of Madonna and Child

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TULDOK — BY MARIA COLL



PUGAD BABOY — BY PIN JUAREZ



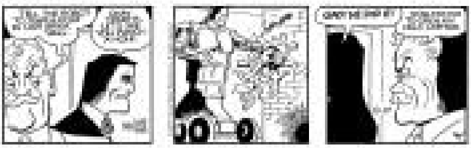
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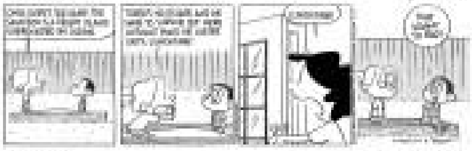
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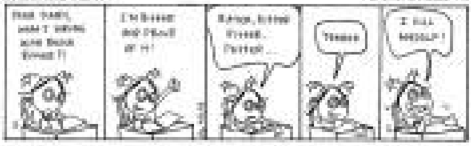
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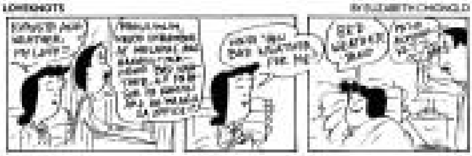
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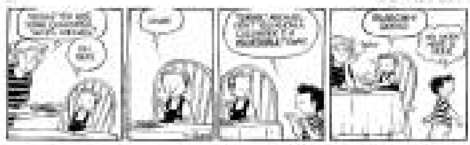
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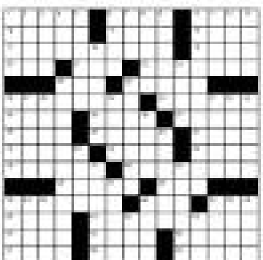


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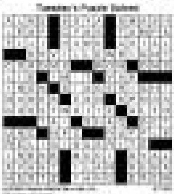
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By Harvey Estes
San Francisco, CA

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



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BY FRANCIS DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle

Lhuillier home houses religious art museum



AMBASSADOR Philippe J. Lhuillier



"RELIQUARIES (it's basic Reliquaries of St. Ireneus)"

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rojeum Christian antiquities in the Philippines.

"I want people to see this," says Lhuillier. "There's so much history behind it, some people have actually adored and prayed to them; these pieces have to be shared."

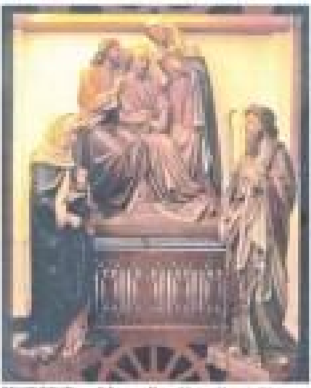
The collection confirm itself as European Christian antiquities that underscore the dominant influence of Europe in the evolution of Christianity in the Philippines. Lhuillier's museum houses a remarkable collection of artworks that tell the story of how the earliest Christians gave visual expression to their religious beliefs. But more than that, it can also be a revered place for education where appreciation of the history of Christian faith resides.

Assembling so many of the most important masterpieces of early Christian art has been a major challenge. But the ambassador said it was well worth the effort. "I guess you can say that these pieces call out to me."

The paintings, the bone, ivory sculptures, sacred vessels, reliquaries, polychrome statues, religious prints, liturgical vestments and metal works present a spectacle of historic Christianity that is unlikely to be repeated anywhere else. And this collection includes highly important relics that have never or rarely been seen before. Restored and preserved with utmost care to bring them back to their original glory, the pieces are displayed at the PJ Lhuillier Museum where the stringent temperature, lighting and storage controls are followed.

"By preserving these unique Christian art and relics, it's my hope that future generations are assured of a visible memory and a greater understanding of the people, places and events that helped shape our faith," Lhuillier said.

And as it opens its doors to the public for the first time, the PJ Lhuillier Museum is proud to serve as a resource for people who want to explore the cultural diversity and rich heritage of the Christian church.



POLYCHROME bas relief statue of Jesus, Mary and Joseph with statues of St. Anna and St. Joachim



PJ LHUILLIER Museum



PENTHOUSE with full panoramic windows

Millennium Bridge technology used in condo

THE ST. FRANCIS SHANGRI-LA PLACE introduces building innovations.

The twin towers make use of a revolutionary damping system developed by the renowned global firm Arup.

"The Viscous Dampers at St. Francis Shangri-La Place minimize the standard wobble in high-rise buildings," says lawyer Andy Banzon, president, Shang Properties Inc. "It is the same technology used to strengthen the Millennium Bridge in London."

The St. Francis Shangri-La Place also has a specially designed window system designed to withstand local wind pressures and typhoons. Extensive testing on the 18-mm thick, heat-strengthened and fully tempered glass was conducted in accordance with world standards and wind pressure based on the Building Wind Tunnel tests carried out in England before construction.

With these construction innovations, The St. Francis Shangri-La Place will not only be the Philippines' tallest residential building, it could also be one of the safest.

A project of Shang Properties, the real estate development arm of The Kuok Group in the Philippines, the buildings were designed by noted HK architectural company Wong and Tung International Ltd. in collaboration with Filipino firm Recio + Casas.

Spacious studios to one- to three-bedroom units with its own balconies are among the choices for those who appreciate the convenience of condo lifestyle. There are also penthouses available, spanning three levels from the 58th floor, that measure 518-650 sq m. Turnover to buyers of the 60-story high condominiums is 2009.

Wellness through crystals

AN INTENSIVE WORKSHOP ON CRYSTAL healing will be held in the home of author Rita Pimentel-Regis Sept. 20-21, 1-5 p.m.

Perhaps we wear necklaces, rings, earrings, tiaras, bracelets and anklets with crystals and gemstones to expand the light and colors in our auras. It is said that kings and queens wear crowns of jewels to enhance wisdom in their rule. The early Egyptians, Greeks and Romans used gemstones for health, protection, talismans, amulets, and for the unfolding of virtues.

Humans and crystals are made up of the same elements of earth, air, water, fire and space. Crystals form when one atom of silica merges with two atoms of oxygen and, after being subjected to the pressures of water and heat under the earth, they mineral-ly crystallize in awesome, colorful and varied structures. Our birthing is metaphorically similar to the delivery of crystals from the womb of mother earth. A baby is delivered from the womb of the mother like a crystal— perfect, beautiful and full of light. Unfortunately, growing up into adulthood exposes us to all kinds of toxins from food, belief systems, emotional traumas and mental stresses so that radiance fades and wellness diminishes.

The piezoelectric property of quartz crystals has been applied in modern high-tech innovations like radio, TV, appliances, computers and laser gadgets. In layman's terms, this property simply means that if you mechanically pound a crystal, it produces electric current and, if you introduce electric current (as in the lithium battery of quartz timepieces), it moves mechanically with accuracy and precision.

Healing is one of the personal applications of the high frequency of crystals. To put it simply, "dis-ease" transpires when the bioelectrical currents of a human system are neither in harmony nor in balance, and thus affecting the chemical and mechanical functions of the body. In crystal healing, the transmission of the electromagnetic force amplified by crystals "resets" one's energy that is in disarray. With facilitation, one's transformed observation, perception and expression could bring about alignment of the body, mind and spirit, which is what wellness is all about.

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Clever uses for muffin tins





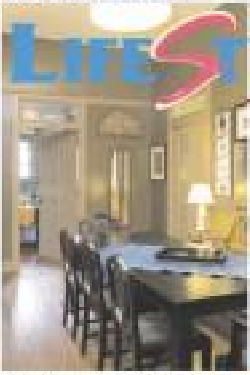
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Rediscover your marriage

Ikebana exhibit

Sulu lectures at Yuchengco

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How 1926 home is made to look contemporary

Ricardo David reinvents his prewar Ermita home by using muted and strong colors, and furnishings both traditional and modern



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Awash in purple and gray

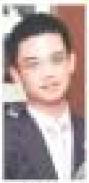
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BJ ALBERT



TANSIA Louwallen, Marinelona [illegible] and Gina Capinpanus



BOMBIT and Boombie dela Cruz



MARTY Albert and Carlo Lopez



HAPPY FAMILY: Multi-talented stage star and director Ana Bitong with the host, stage businessman Butch Albert, and Queen for a Day, gorgeous Cris Albert

VIP gets drunk at PLDT event, hardly makes it to the car



ELEGANT table setting for the sit-down dinner at Prince Albert of Hotel Intercon



LIGHTING the birthday cake of the celebrator by male guests



GORGEOUS celebrator Cris Albert with Carlo Albert and Maricar Bellen



MJ AND Monique Albert



RALPH'S relax mode man Ralph Joseph

WITH HER GORGEOUS LOOKS you'd think she is a candidate for a beauty pageant, dahlings. The brilliant president of Fils, Cris Albert, was definitely a queen in her birthday bash at the posh Prince Albert Rotisserie of Hotel Intercontinental Manila. The chic venue had flower arrangements in soft pink and magenta, following a tiffany theme.

Soothing jazz was played by good-looking saxophonist Wuzz Lalwra. The exquisite dinner prepared by Prince Albert's top chef included Parmentier, "Leek-Potato" Soup with White Summer Truffles and Duck Liver Flan, Prime Rib, Steamed Snapper with Orange Sauce, White Summer Truffle, bed of sautéed Asparagus and [illegible], colorful dessert plates plus Mignardises.

Entertaining the select guests was Cris' significant other, businessman Butch Albert, [illegible].

Her stunning dress by Auggie Cordero was not the only reason she sparkled that night, dahlings. Cris' passion, benevolence and elegance shone through.

To our Queen for a Day, cheers, pakingan!



WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by Allen Van Hagen using **YKL** Photo Solutions

PLDT and Go Negosyo partnership

Mel had to inch my way through fun [illegible] and new-blood entrepreneurs inside the bar and roam CAV in Bonifacio High Street to toast the solid partnership between two of the country's most respected groups—PLDT SME Nation and Go Negosyo.

PLDT SME Nation is the company's newest brainchild, conceptualized to highlight PLDT's services toward small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs). By teaming up with Go Negosyo, PLDT SME Nation has reinforced its thrust of, as PLDT SME Nation VP and head Kat Luna-Abelarde said, "making small businesses in the same league as the big guys."

"This is an exciting development for us," says Go Negosyo's founding trustee, business magnate Joey Concepcion. "We've always wanted this partnership with PLDT SME Nation and now that it's finally done, all the small and medium businesses can definitely look forward to a better information."

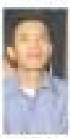
We were treated to delectable dishes from the CAV kitchen, [illegible], and endless bottles of red and white wine. PLDT SME community consultancy head Kabby Cal was the event's host while Jill dela Cruz, performing artist, roused the crowd with his fantastic hand tricks.

And who was that high-profile guest who got so smashed that two assisted the person could hardly make it to the car. Oops, dahlings.

Mingling with rest of invitees were consummate [illegible] like PLDT SVP and head of consumer sales and marketing group Eric Alberto, PLDT-Smart Foundation president Butch Meily and Go Negosyo executive director Mon Lopez.

The Go Negosyo Caravan-PLDT SME Nation Roadshow is now on countrywide tour.

For more info on PLDT SME Nation, call 1-800-[illegible] or [illegible], or log on to www.pldtsme.com.ph.



PLDT SME Nation's Arvil Jasmin



PLDT-SMART Foundation president Butch Meily and PLDT-Smart executive director Anthony Pangilinan



TOAST to a partnership: PLDT SME Nation's Kabby Cal with men; PLDT SME Nation VP and head Kat Luna-Abelarde, Go Negosyo's founding trustee and business magnate Joey Concepcion, Pilipinas Foundation president Vicky Zubiri, PLDT's dashing Eric Alberto and Go Negosyo's Mon Lopez

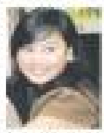


CINDERELLA'S Work with Nature: Winnie Dimarig, BK mobilization manager; Arthur G. Carusol, president and CEO of CMC; Mario Yarlongtan and Raquel Garcia, Bantay Kalikasan advisory boards; and Maisa de Venecia, marketing and communications director of CMC

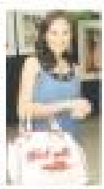
'Work with Nature' launch

Hey pakingan, once again, green fashion prevailed in Cinderella's "Work with Nature" and Bantay Kalikasan's "Save the La Mesa Watershed Project," Mother Nature advocates gathered to celebrate fashion and the environment. It was truly a ground-breaking "green fashion" statement held at Cinderella SM Megamall.

The event was hosted by Bantay Kalikasan's celebrity advocates Jodelle Fando and Rosenz Changco. Marielle C. Santos, manager for local brands, spoke, on behalf of Cinderella Marketing Corp., about working with nature. Exhibit many of our politicians speak about and don't practice) and Cinderella's eco-friendly bag which can be bought for only P200 at all Cinderella stores. Proceeds will be donated to Bantay Kalikasan. Winnie Dimarig, Bantay Kalikasan's resource mobilization manager spoke on behalf of the ad founder of ABS-CBN Foundation's Bantay Kalikasan.



CHARYH Castillo, BK mobilization officer



CINDERELLA'S image model Isabel Oli in Suorsonne blue embellished chiffon dress and carries Work with Nature bag

Highlights was the photo exhibit featuring Cinderella's "Work with Nature" campaign which showcased the La Mesa Eco Park—photographed and styled by Sara Black and Gale Regalado.

Finally, Cinderella's summer collection "Bi C"Think Green" and "Be Kind to Our Planet"), is "bright yet light and comfy" fashion, was presented.

A raffle draw sponsored by Ruby Perfumes and [illegible] Care signature products, was the finale.



MOTHER Nature advocates and women of substance: Therese Santos, [illegible] chair of CMC; and Gina Lopez, ABS-CBN Foundation managing director

"Well, the least I could do is recycle. Despite my hectic schedule, I make it a point to be socially responsible in my own little way," said the eye-catching celebrity endorser of Cinderella, Isabel Oli, dahlings.



How 1926 home is made to look contemporary

From page D1

David's art collection includes [illegible]

The [illegible] walls and patterned flooring [illegible] the woods. The focal point is a simple narra table, painted in black. To make them look contemporary, his grandmother's heirloom dining chairs were painted black, with [illegible] upholstery.

Breaking the monotony

To break the monotony of chairs, the other side of the table is furnished with a narra bench with a [illegible] in the same color.

A stack of red wooden cabinets, a gift from his friend, [illegible], [illegible] contrast to the deep tones. The metal frame of the [illegible] lighting fixture [illegible].

The walls are lined with [illegible] from artists—Chinese brush strokes from his cousin [illegible], for instance. The other pictures were from [illegible] and Roger San Miguel.

David's favorite room is the study and den. The orange is toned down by red, brown, white and yellow, to create deep [illegible]. Accessories are in beige, rust and light blue to create a handsome scheme.

The work area has an Indonesian work table, a narra cabinet from Bohol and a reupholstered study chair in [illegible].

The conversation area is a mix of heirloom pieces such as a floral-printed, cane-backed sofa and armchair. It also has David's contemporary designs such as the cube, which serves as a side table and a tray table, all in [illegible] leather.

A wrought-iron candleholder adds sparkle, while the bold prints of the pillows give punches of color.

The [illegible] lighting fixture is made of halogen bulbs, [illegible] fabric.

Not only has David created a transitional look, a blend of the old and new, he has also achieved visual harmony.



BEDS at centers were inspired by the classic, companionable and comforting neutral background.

THE WARM colors of the wall bring out the sheen of the period pieces such as the heirloom floral upholstered sofa and table that are displayed with David's creations such as the leather cube side table.

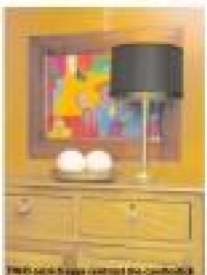




ARRANGE in threes. Art [illegible]'s painting, a curvy side chair and a tall floor lamp form a triangular composition.



A SIMPLE [illegible] table is given pizzazz as the top is painted to look like a leather-bound book.



THIS [illegible] contrast the candlestick lamp on the period narra cabinet. Behind it is [illegible]'s painting.



THE SIMPLICITY of the vintage teakwood chair enhances the ornate patterns of the Vietnamese jar.

Fun ideas for table setting





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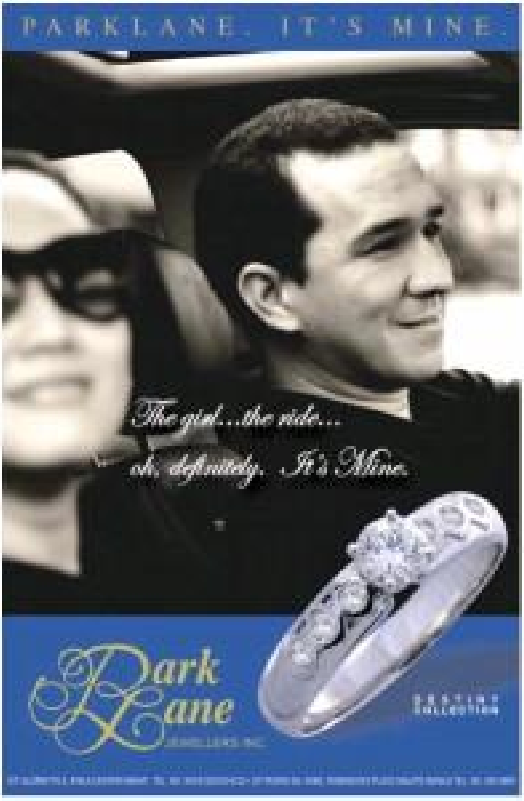
THE FINEST porcelain perfect for formal occasions

How to resolve ATM's failure to dispense withdrawn money

THE CONSUMER
Linda B. Bolido

AUTOMATED TELLER Machines (ATM) are certainly a convenience. But while machines are available 24/7, they do malfunction every now and then. One of the glitches an ATM user dreads is not getting the money being withdrawn although the receipt states that the cash has been dispensed. This is more than an inconvenience. Will you be able to convince your bank that you didn't get your money when the receipt says otherwise?

From good to worse



The Welding of time at Parklane Jewellers







ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde

Emmy times 10

LOS ANGELES—"The Simpsons" claimed US television's highest honor for a prime-time cartoon on Saturday at the Creative Arts Emmy Awards, marking the 10th time that the program, airing on the News Corp. Ltd.-owned Fox network for 19 seasons, was named best half-hour animated show. (Related story on page E6.) *Reuters*







ACTUALLY, SHE WON
Laarni Lozada's beside herself with joy, believe it or not, when she was proclaimed Star Dreamer 2008. Page E6.



ANGELINA Jolie and Brad Pitt

'Brangelina' tops H'wood power list

LONDON—BRAD PITT AND ANGELINA Jolie have moved to the top of Hollywood's power league, toppling Tom Cruise and Jennifer Aniston, Guinness World Records said on Sunday.

The power couple, collectively dubbed "Brangelina," were judged to have hit the pinnacle of power by a combination of Internet searches, press stories and earnings, the feature of the world's most weird and wacky said in its latest edition.

BRANGELINA E3



JEWEL OF A CHILD
"Kjewel" is how director Ellen Ongkeko-Marfil refers to child actor Julian Duque. They visited PDI on Monday. Hudhes? E6.

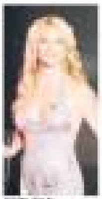












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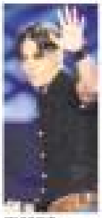


SAMUEL L. Jackson

'Brangelina' tops ...

Bond entry

Reuters



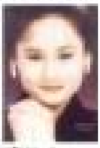
JOHNNY Depp

Fund-raising concert

SHOW TIME



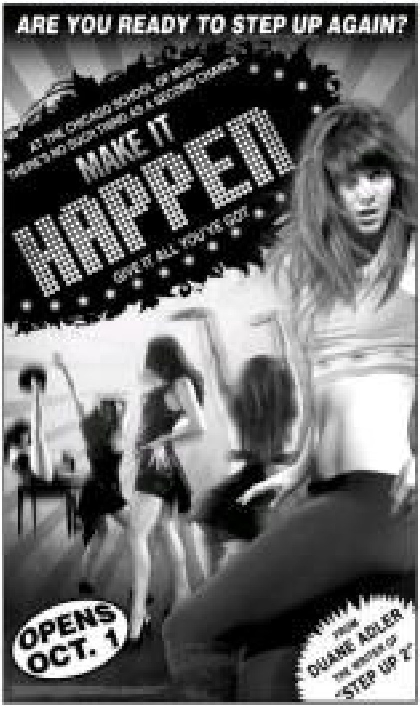
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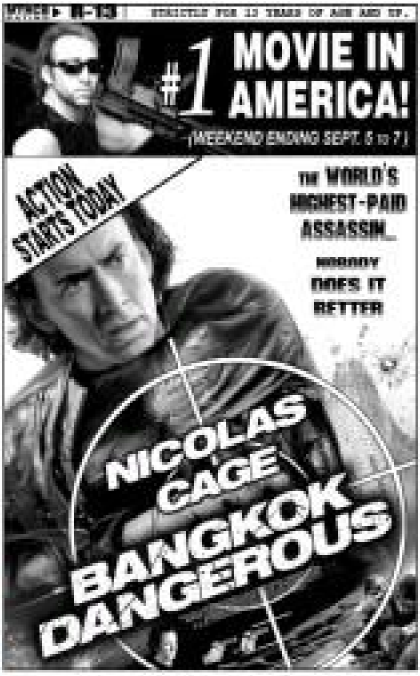
Lisa Macuja

Guitar festival

'GoBingo' out, 'Family Feud' in







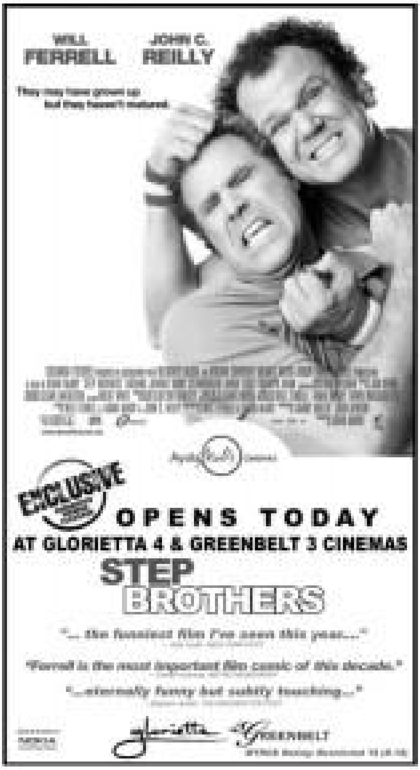
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REAL-LIFE HEROES







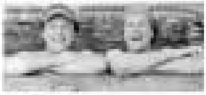
OPENING TODAY

I.T.A.L.Y. (I Trust And Love You)

Stars Jolina Magdangal, Rufa Mae Quinto, Dennis Trillo, Eugene Domingo, Rhian Ramos, Mark Herras

Directed by Mark Reyes

A group of Pinoys aboard a luxury liner discovers romance as they travel across three continents: Asia, Europe and Africa. GMA Films reports that it spent P30 million in producing this comedy flick. Magdangal says one of the movie's high points is the Venice sequence. "It was a dream-come-true. Filipinos comprise 70 percent of the ship's staff. They took good care of us."



Step Brothers

Stars Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Mary Steenburgen, Adam Scott

Directed by Adam McKay

Two fortysomething guys (Ferrell, Reilly) who still live with mom and dad are forced to accept each other when their parents get married. Kurt Loder of MTV News: "Stupid, primordially rebellious ... hilarious." Joe Morgenstern of Wall Street Journal disagrees: "The results are truly ghastly." Exclusively in Glorietta 4 and Greenbelt 3 Cinemas.

Ang mga Natatanging Pelikula ni Rosa Rosal

Stars Rosa Rosal

Directed by Manuel Silos, Lamberto Avellana, Pablo Santiago

Cinematic gems starring LVN veteran star Rosal are to be featured in the maiden offering of the independent theater's Sineklasika program. This project aims to showcase the works of "golden" stars and directors. As opening salvo, Silos' "Biyaya ng Lupa," Avellana's "Anak Dalita" and "Badjao" and Santiago's "Tukaklo" (all top-billed by Rosal) are scheduled for an entire week. Exclusively in [illegible].

Bangkok Dangerous

Stars Nicolas Cage, Charlie Yeung, Shahkrit Yamnarm, Penpak Sirikul

Directed by Danny Pang, Oxide Pang

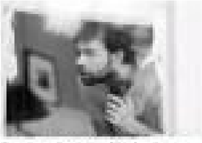
Based on the Pang Brothers' 1999 Thai film, this action flick centers on a hitman (Cage) on the verge of retirement. Stephen Farber of The Hollywood Reporter thinks it's "a muddle of mayhem and moral certitude" compared to "Wanted." James Christopher of The Times Online notes that the director "capture the pumping energy of a city on the move."

Right at Your Door

Stars Mary McCormack, Rory Cochrane, Tony Perez, Scotty Noyd Jr., Jon Huertas

Directed by Chris Gorak

After dirty bombs explode in Los Angeles, husband (Cochrane) seals the doors to his home, leaving his infected wife (McCormack) to stay in the backyard. Lisa Schwarzbaum of Entertainment Weekly describes it as a "smart, coolly terrifying indie thriller." Ruthe Stein of San Francisco Chronicle dubs it as a "domestic melodrama disguised as political thriller."



100 Feet

Stars Famke Janssen, Bobby Cannavale, Ed Westwick, Michael Paré

Directed by Eric Red

Under house arrest after killing her abusive husband, haunted wife (Janssen) gets spooked by a vengeful ghost. [illegible] states that it's a "Lifetime movie crossed with 'Ghost Dad.'" Horror-Movies.ca relates that "it looks impressive." The director explains that in this horror flick the "tension and terror are derived from the characters."

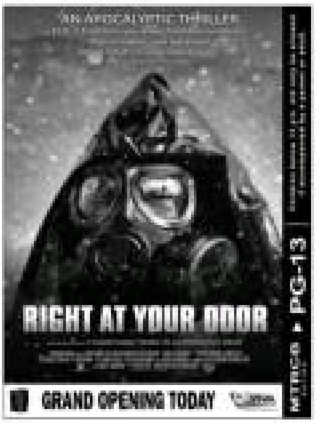
Four presidents and a first lady

THE FOUR LIVING PHILIPPINE PRESIDENTS AND A FORMER first lady appear in exclusive, one-on-one interviews with Jessica Soho, Mike Enriquez, Mel Tiangco, Arnold Clavio and Vicky Morales in "[illegible]: The GMA News Special" airing Sept. 28, 10:30 p.m. The special program talks about how Presidents Cory Aquino, Fidel Ramos, Joseph Estrada and Gloria Arroyo and First Lady Imelda Marcos ended up in Malacañang and shaped Philippine history.

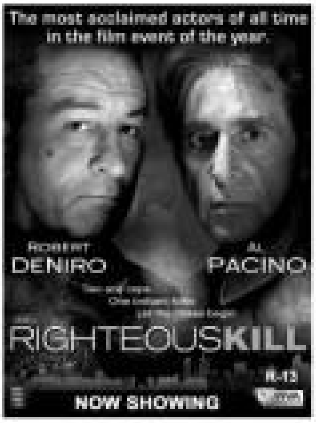














There's life after PDA

Mentors assess the top scholars' future



HART runner-up Bugoy Drilon



BIG WINNER Laarni Lozada

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Personal picks

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Mentors' aim

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More crucial

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Emmy embraces TV's subversive side



SARAH Silverman kisses her Emmy.

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Second for Griffin

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Cheers to real talent

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Diva wars

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Top of the talk shows

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Told you so

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Wish fulfilled

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Cheap thrills of stars



JED MADELA at the Hollywood Wax Museum

[illegible]

My life's soundtrack

[illegible]



PAOLO Contis and Mark Herras in Boracay

Mall shows

[illegible]

WEEKEND BOX OFFICE

	Title	Gross
1	Burn After Reading	
2	Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys	
3	Righteous Kill	
4	The Women	
5	The House Bunny	
6	Tropic Thunder	
7	The Dark Knight	
8	Bangkok Dangerous	
9	Traitor	
10	Death Race	

POWER PLANT CINEMA

CLOSED FOR RENOVATION	BANGKOK DANGEROUS - R13	RIGHTEOUS KILL - R13
SEX AND THE CITY - R13	100 FT.	HELLBOY 2: THE GOLDEN ARMY - PG13

MOVIES & SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

EASTWOOD CINEMAS

687-6963 GUARANTEED SEATS

1	BANGKOK DANGEROUS
2	HELLBOY 2
3	I.T.A.L.Y.
4	RIGHTEOUS KILL R-13





MOVIE GUIDES

1. DOBOL TROBOL
2. DEATH RACE
3. A VERY SPECIAL LOVE
4. BABYLON A.D.
5. FOR THE FIRST TIME
6. I.T.A.L.Y.
7. 100 FEET
8. RIGHTEOUS KILL
9. BANGKOK DANGEROUS
10. HELLBOY 2

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AT THE CINEMAS

Cinema	Schedule
GLORIETTA 1	1 100 FEET; 2 BANGKOK DANGEROUS; 3 I.T.A.L.Y.; 4 HELLBOY 2
GLORIETTA 4	1 RIGHTEOUS KILL; 2 HELLBOY 2; 3 BANGKOK DANGEROUS; 4 STEPBROTHERS; 5 100 FEET; 6 I.T.A.L.Y.; 7 BABYLON A.D.
GREENBELT 1	1 I.T.A.L.Y.; 2 BANGKOK DANGEROUS
GREENBELT 3	1 HELLBOY 2; 2 BANGKOK DANGEROUS; 3 STEP BROTHERS; 4 100 FEET; 5 RIGHTEOUS KILL
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 BANGKOK DANGEROUS; 2 I.T.A.L.Y.; 3 100 FEET; 4 HELLBOY 2; 5 RIGHTEOUS KILL
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1 BANGKOK DANGEROUS; 2 RIGHTEOUS KILL; 3 I.T.A.L.Y.; 4 [illegible]
MARKET! MARKET!	1 I.T.A.L.Y.; 2 FOR THE FIRST TIME; 3 HELLBOY 2; 4 BANGKOK DANGEROUS; 5 100 FEET
TRINOMA	1 I.T.A.L.Y.; 2 100 FEET; 3 HELLBOY 2; 4 RIGHTEOUS KILL; 5 FOR THE FIRST TIME; 6 BABYLON A.D.; 7 BANGKOK DANGEROUS

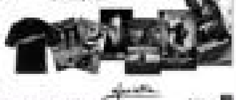
AT THE MALLS

Mall	Event
Glorietta	DOUBLE MIDNIGHT MADNESS September 12 - 14
Greenbelt	SHOPPING SPREE AT GREENBELT!
Alabang Town Center	A Limited Engagement
Ayala Center Cebu	
Market! Market!	
Cinemas	
Ayala Museum	
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Cheap thrills for stars

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Dolly Anne Carvajal

YOU'LL BE SURPRISED TO KNOW THAT, despite the glamorous life of celebs, [illegible] the rich and famous like them also go for cheap thrills. Apparently, the simplest joys are the [illegible].

ALFRED VARGAS: [illegible]

MIRIAM QUIAMBAO: [illegible]

MARVIN AGUSTIN: [illegible]

PRECIOUS LARA QUIGAMAN: [illegible]

DENNIS TRILLO: [illegible]

MARK HERRAS: [illegible]

MARCO ALCARAZ: [illegible]

KRISTINE HERMOSA: [illegible]

CHRISTIAN BAUTISTA: [illegible]

RACHEL ALEJANDRO: [illegible]

KATRINA HALILI: [illegible]

MARIEL RODRIGUEZ: [illegible]

PAOLO CONTIS: [illegible]

TIN-TIN BERSOLA: [illegible]

